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visible. I won't take any more time. I'm just greatly appreciative of having the opportunity to be here, particularly appreciative of you allowing me to serve as Speaker for the last couple of years. It's something that I truly have appreciated the chance to do and I hope that I have been fair with all of you. When I came in here, I read something and one of my staff members, after we'd been through a couple of tough bills and a couple of tough constituent meetings where I was getting hammered pretty good for taking some positions on things, reminded me of this, this quote, and I'm going to leave it with you because it's a philosophy that I've tried to live by and haven't perhaps always been successful, but I have certainly If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything; if the end brings me out wrong, 10,000 angels swearing that I was right would make no difference. And I think that exemplifies a lot of what you do and what we try to do here. We just simply have to move forward, do what we think is right and the best we can, and everything will turn out just fine. One other thing; whoever put that lame duck on my desk when we started the session, it has the bandaged-up foot and looks like Nancy Thompson did a few days ago, you have one last chance before I leave here to confess and for that I will grant you amnesty. Otherwise, never more will I forgive you. Thank you so much. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Speaker Bromm. And thank you, Senator Engel, for introducing Speaker Bromm. Senator Tyson, for a motion.

SENATOR TYSON: Mr. President, I move that all bills not otherwise disposed of, excluding bills on Final Reading and vetoed or line-item vetoed bills, on this date be indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Motion carried. Senator Quandahl, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes, Mr. President, I move that the